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SUBJECT: GFXA-75-8038 SHIPS

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1. A MADRID DEA REPRESENTATIVE HAS DISCUSSED SITUATION OF POSSIBLE MEETING WITH GIBRALTAR CUSTOMS OFFICIALS WITH SPANISH POLICE (DGS). ON DEC 1 JOSE MARIA MATO-REBORDEO, CHIEF OF THE DGS NATIONAL DRUG BRIGADE ADVISED MADRID DEA THAT HE WAS INTERESTED IN SUCH A MEETING AND BELIEVED IT COULD BE HELD IN TORREMOLINOS ON ABOUT JAN 10, 1977.

2. IT IS BELIEVED MR. MATO IS SINCERE IN HIS STATEMENT AND MADRID DEA IS OPTIMISTIC THAT THE MEETING WILL TAKE PLACE. THE POLITICAL SITUATION BETWEEN SPAIN AND UK OVER GIBRALTAR MUST BE KEPT IN MIND HOWEVER AND BECAUSE OF IT A CHANGE IN PLANS COULD BE MADE OR THE MEETING COULD BE CANCELLED. MR. MATO WILL ADVISE MADRID DEA WHEN DEFINITE PLANS ARE MADE AND THAT INFORMATION WILL BE PASSED TO RABAT.

3. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE SPANISH DGS DOES HAVE A YACHT PROGRAM
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BUT DEA MADRID DOES NOT REGARD IT AS A GOOD ONE AS IT IS BEING

RUN OUT OF MADRID INSTEAD OF THE SOUTHERN SPANISH COAST. THE
DGS DOES NOT HAVE THE MANPOWER ON THE COAST TO BE REALLY EFFECTIVE.
THIS COULD BE AN ITEM OF DISCUSSION IF THE MEETING TAKES PLACE.
DEA MADRID WILL MAKE EFFORTS TO INDUCE THE DGS TO UPGRADE ITS
YACHT PROGRAM AND WILL DISCUSS WITH PRO DEA OFFICIALS THE ADVISABIL-
ITY OF DETAILING AN AGENT TO THE TORREMOLINOS AREA AT INTERVALS IN
1977 TO ASSIST SPANISH OFFICIALS IN MONITORING AND IMPORVING SUCH
A PROGRAM. STABLER

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